



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Community Connect Awards – Arkansas

2007 Grant Awards:

Nexus Systems, Inc.

Jerome, Arkansas

Grant Amount: \$ 685,091

Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750

County: Drew

Rural Development will provide Nexus System the funding for a wireless broadband infrastructure for Jerome, Arkansas. The community center will be housed in a renovated two room school house from 1930. The school is owned by the town of Jerome, and is listed on the National Historical Registry. The Mayor's office, the Jerome Constable, and the community center will all be enjoying the benefits of free broadband access for two years.

PC One Cable, LLC.

Wilmar, Arkansas

Grant Amount: \$406,315

Contact: Jim Feeney, (201) 825-9090

County: Drew

Through Rural Development funds, PC One Cable, LLC will be providing broadband service to Wilmar, Arkansas. They are implementing a broadband coax infrastructure with a cable modem termination system for the broadband network. Many critical facilities will be enjoying the two (2) free years of broadband service. They include: Township Hall, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Emergency Response Team, and the Wilmar Community Center. Wilmar children attend school in the neighboring town of Monticello, the availability of broadband will assist with daily homework assignments and research projects.